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F. C. Finnerty, Agent,

Offers the best terms ever given on Farm Loans in Thomas county. Privilege of paying off the loan before it is due, also their privileges in the payment of interest not given by other companies. I can make you a farm loan so that your interest will cost you only six per cent for 5 years: the remaining 5 per cent to be paid at the end of the loan. For the use of this 4 per cent I will charge you 6 per cent per annum. In this way your interest is very light during the first few years while you are breaking out and getting your land into a good state of cultivation so that it will bring you in a good income.

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TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS to loan on chattel security and second mortgages on land on as favorable terms as can be found anywhere. If you intend making either farm or chattel loan, don't fail to call and get my terms before you make the loan. Yours truly, F. C. FINNERTY.

THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

JOSEPH A. GILL, Editor.

OAKLEY & COLBY RAILWAY.

OAKLEY TO COLBY.

TIME TABLE NO. 1.

To take effect Monday, October 10, 1887, 6 o'clock A. M.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION OF EMPLOYEES.

WESTWARD.

No. 1 leaves Oakley at 3:00 p. m., and arrives in Colby at 4:30 p. m.

No. 2 leaves Colby at 8:45 a. m., and arrives in Oakley at 10:15 a. m.

Nos. 1 and 2 are Freight & Passenger, and run daily, except Sunday.

V. G. BODURK, Supt. and Chief Engineer.

Arrival and Departure of Mails to and from Colby.

COLBY & OAKLEY ROUTE.

Arrives 1 p. m. daily; departs 8 a. m. daily.

COLBY & OBERLIN.

Arrives Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p. m.

Departs Mondays and Thursdays at 8 a. m.

COLBY & HOKIE.

Arrives Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p. m.

Departs Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 a. m.

COLBY & ATWOOD.

Arrives Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Departs Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 a. m.

COLBY & RUSTEN.

Arrives Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Departs Mondays and Fridays at 8 a. m.

CAT office does best job work.

Canned goods at Standard bakery.

Go to G. W. Friend for your candy.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

Job work at CAT office on short notice.

Subscribe for the CAT, it has most news.

Get your job work done at the CAT office.

Blank books and stationery at P. O. Store.

Cigars and confectionery at Standard bakery.

Youssef's stage line goes to Oberlin every day.

Full line of confectionery at the Standard bakery.

Russell Mills Celebrated Flour at the Pioneer Store.

Just received two car loads celebrated Russell Mills flour at M. Donelan's.

Try a sack of 90 per cent Flour. For sale at M. Donelan's Pioneer store.

Kensington Embroidery and stamping done to order at the Little Cash Store, one door east of Windsor hotel, on 4th street.

For bargains in cloaks and cloak trimmings go to the Little Cash Store, one door east of the Windsor hotel, on 4th street.

Flour at 90 cents per sack at M Donelan's.

The Bank of Oberlin, Oberlin, Kans., now informs you that they have an unlimited amount of money to loan on farms at 9 per cent interest, no commission. Respectfully,

WILLIAM BROWNE, Cashier.

R. L. Riddle handles real estate. It will pay anyone having real estate for sale to place it in the hands of R. L. Riddle.

Closing out in colthing, hats, caps, boots and shoes, regardless of cost at M. Donelan's.

The Beloit flour, Gold Coin, Harvest Queen, Anchor and Thomas Cat, will have a large sale this month at Kaub & Smith's.

The finest assortment of ladies' and children's hoods and toboggans to be found in Colby at the Little Cash Store, one door east of Windsor hotel, on 4th street.

Headquarters for holiday goods in Colby this winter will be at the Little Cash Store, one door east of the Windsor hotel, on 4th street. New goods arriving every day.

R. L. Riddle is in correspondence with a large number of eastern men who are buying western Kansas land. Place your lands in his hands for sale.

Mrs. C. HINEs is prepared to do plain sewing, and will do repairing on men's clothes at reasonable rates in a skillful manner. Patronage solicited. Home south of City Meat Market on Lake street.

Before buying groceries, clothing, hats, cas, or boots and shoes, it will pay you to call and price such "trades" at M. Donelan's.

Happy New Year to all.

Colby now has railway mail service.

Smith Lawrence was in town Saturday.

C. E. Chandler is in Oberlin this week.

What a variety of weather, and so much of it, too!

Thomas county was greeted by a light skiff of snow Christmas day.

Raffles are every day occurrences now, and the excitement runs high.

No town in western Kansas can boast of a holiday trade to equal Colby.

A fine Christmas dinner was spread before the guests at Douglass' Dining Hall.

Hastings Town Co offers good inducements for a paper at Hastings, Kan. A good paper will do well at this point, all admit.

Charles Dedrick is once more greeted by teacher and students as he enters high school this week.

Bids for plastering the new school house are being received this week, and the work will commence right away.

BORN.—On Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1887, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCalip, of Hawkeye, Kansas, a boy, weight 6 pounds.

Christmas must come in the wrong time of the moon, or why do so many of the boys appear to be "moon blind"?

A faded or grizzly beard is unbecoming to any man, and may be colored a natural brown or black by using Buckingham's dye for the whiskers.

Traveling men make it a point to be in Colby over Sunday if possible. They soon find out which cities support the best hotels in the state.

Mrs. Joseph Poffenberger, with her little son, is spending the holidays with her husband in Colby. Mr. Poffenberger is Joe No. 2 on our barber staff.

Colby is a wonder. The mammoth quarters now occupied by the Post Office is crowded to overflowing at the arrival of each mail. Soon this will be too small.

Hiram Royer, of Mystic, Kan., stepped in and renewed his subscription Monday.

Mr. Royer has a fine claim within two miles of Mystic. He reports a Merry Christmas, and we wish him a Happy New Year.

Colby's numerous restaurants and eating houses vied with each other in the production of the finest Christmas dinner. Each man is now firmly convinced that his boarding house is the best in town.

Miss Edith Lawrence took leave of her Colby friends last Sunday morning, and is now spending a happy week with her relatives and friends at and in the vicinity of her home near Quickville. She will be back to resume her duties in the school next Monday.

No household which is blessed with children, should be without Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. In the treatment of croup and whooping cough, the Pectoral has an almost magical effect. It allays inflammation, frees the obstructed air passages, and controls the desire to cough.

The Colby Cat says that the Union Pacific will not build a depot at that place until the permanent survey of the Salina and Denver road is made, and a depot for both roads will be built. It is reported that surveying parties are at work on the permanent survey east of Colby.—Burlington Blade.

The dinner served at the Opelt Hotel on Christmas was grand. The dining hall was full, and the delicious savor of the numerous delicacies served surpassed the expectations of all, except those who have dined there before. "Eat, Drink and Be Merry," was the very appropriate greeting which appeared on the bill of fare, and we would say that were all as smiling as when partaking of this Christmas dinner they certainly had a Merry Christmas.

James Spellman, post master at Hastings, Kan., was in this city the first of the week. The post office at Hastings, he says, is well patronized, and is of great advantage to the people. People come from the eastern part of Sherman county to trade at Hastings and get their mail. The next regular meeting of the Hastings Town company will be held at Hastings, Jan. 4, 1888. The company are bound to do every thing they can to make the town grow and prosper. There is no doubt of the Rock Island locating a depot at Hastings, as the company is prepared to give liberally to that R. R. Co., and thus secure for the people a railroad point where they can get cheap fuel and supplies. Every body says it is a booming town.

DIED.—Saturday, Nov. 12, 1887, at 4:31 p. m., at the home of George A. Burnham, in Denver, Colo., Miss Jennie Bradley, age 32 years, 5 months and 28 days, of congestion of the brain and spinal column.

"She had been in her usual health and gay spirits, and on Monday morning had started on a second trip to California in company with her sister, Madge Long and husband. Some days previous to starting she had been visiting friends in Republic and Thomas Counties, and with the exception of what she called a boil coming on the side of her nose, none of her friends suspected that she was at all unwell, but she grew rapidly worse, and upon reaching Denver it was decided to accept the pressing invitation of Mr. Burnham to remain one day and rest up. But rest came not so soon. The weary aching body was never at rest until the pale boatman carried her over the quiet waters of the dark river. Dear Jennie, thou art gone. Thy sympathetic heart and ever helpful hand is stilled at last forever, but the work thou hast done, and thy cheerful words and looks will live on. Dwell thou in peace beside the dear parents we love so well and thy heart's idols."

ONTARIO, CAL., Dec. 16, 1887.

Mrs. ALICE BEAN.—Your kind letter just received. I, too, am unable to realize that we have lost our noble, self-reliant, happy-hearted sister. The life time of anguish that was bound up in that one week at Denver, seems a frenzied dream. Jennie did not start upon her return trip as soon as she expected, because husband and I very suddenly decided to accompany her. We started from Belleville Monday, Nov. 7th. On the Thursday previous she had gone on a visit to Talma and Concordia, and 'twas at the latter place she, accompanied by a number of friends, met us. I saw that the side of her face and right eye were slightly swollen, and asked her the cause. "O," said she, laughing, "it's only a little boil," and she often made comical remarks about "that nose" until my fears had vanished, and bidding farewell to friends we started. She soon told me, however, that she had slept none during the night, and that her bones ached so that she was afraid she would have the fever, but that she said nothing about it, knowing the friends would not let her start. She had nothing to say, and seemed so tired that we turned two seats together and made her a bed. At night she seemed worse, and all through the night she tossed to and fro in her bunk in the sleeper. We did all we could, but ALL was only applying a wet handkerchief to her aching head. We enquired for a physician, but none was aboard. At dawn, however, we reached Denver. There met by friends who said we must stop with them until she was better. I can not tell you of that week. The little boil she made so light of proved to be erysipelas in its most virulent form. The most skilled physicians and nurses were procured, and everything that willing hands and anxious hearts could do was done, but she grew rapidly worse, congestion set in, and at 4:30 p. m., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, she passed beyond the realms of the known into that country from which no traveler returneth, and where the dear, busy heart can find rest at last. Our father and mother lie in a beautiful spot in the cemetery of Belleville, and she being single, the children had agreed that if she remained single until death that she should lie by them, otherwise it should remain sacred to our parents alone. While sick she realized that death was near, and she said: "You remember, Madge, you're to take me back and bury me by father and mother." We had telegraphed the brothers and sisters, and Doctor and Addie Patrick started to us, but the swift messenger came before them. On Sunday evening, everything having been prepared, we started toward the east, and Monday evening at 8 o'clock arrived at Belleville. Could you have seen the immense crowd that awaited us, and have known how every home in the little city was thrown open to care for her, and for us all, it would have done your kind heart good, I know. On the following Monday we started again, and at last we are here. When we reached this place we found many letters awaiting sister, some of them from Colby. Please give all her friends all the information you can. Please accept the love of a sister for the kindness you have shown.

Yours in Sorrow,

MADGE R. LONG.

We noticed county commissioner Smith on the streets Saturday last.

Zero weather.

A Leap year party is on the string.

J. J. Sutton will spend the winter in Illinois.

Hon. G. W. Goodsoe returned Tuesday from a trip to Nebraska.

Colby does more business than any city in the state west of Salina.

Marvin Niskern, Esq., returned from Nebraska the latter part of last week.

The Rock Island surveyors are now in the vicinity of Shioleth, surveying the extension between Norton and Colby.

Robt. Joyce came over from Burlington, Colo., Friday. He has sold his interest in the grocery firm of Joyce, Sutton & Carey, of that place.

Spencer & Muse is the new firm conducting the Colby Meat Market. These gentlemen understand their business, and will undoubtedly win a large trade.

Lots of feed on hand.—McCormick & Britton.

Pete Wells came in from Colby Friday, and remained over Sunday with his wife and family. For the benefit of a certain young lady, we will say that he reports Charles Hook in good health and prospering nicely with his work.—Hoxie Sentinel.

Our corn is the best you ever saw.—McCormick & Britton.

Call at J. B. Morrison & Sons, and examine the cloaks and overcoats which they are selling at cost.

The Ladies' Aid Society wish to return thanks to all who so generously helped them in their last fair, especially the Young Ladies' Helping Club, for their individual contributions of articles, also the table scarf from their society.

Mrs. C. M. HOVEY, Secy.

We are pleased to note a call from Mrs. Alice Bean and Miss Dee Williams on last Saturday. We are indebted to Mrs. Bean for the receipt of the particulars of Miss Jennie Bradley's death, which was mentioned in this paper some weeks since. In another place will be found an obituary taken from a Denver paper and a letter to Mrs. Bean from the sister of the deceased.

We wish you all a Happy New Year, friends, and in order to insure that you have it, we ask you to call and deposit with us the amount of your bill, which will enable us to continue business for the coming year, and furnish you with the best of everything in our line. Do not put it off later than the 15th of January, 1888.

M. DONELAN.

Mr. A. M. Reeves and wife, of Norton, Kansas, arrived in our city to-day. Mr. Reeves is a brother-in-law of Prof. W. P. Sullivan, and is engaged in the jewelry business in Norton. He is favorably impressed with Colby, and talks of locating at this place. Should he decide to do so, we feel no hesitancy in warranting an unstinted patronage from our citizens.

County Attorney Willcox spent a pleasant Christmas at the home of his parents near Oberlin, Kansas. He went last Friday, at the instance of an invitation to his sister's wedding, which took place on Christmas. A brother was also present, who had been married a few days before. Mr. Willcox reports no lack of jollity at the gathering, but we take the responsibility of stating that it Payned our County Attorney that it was not a triple wedding.

We clip the following from the Christian Standard, published at Cincinnati, O., in the interest of the Christian Church: "Colby, Thomas Co.—We held a meeting at Adel, Sheridan county, beginning on Nov. 30th and continuing three weeks, when 22 were added to the few brethren found at this point—7 were from the M. E. church, one an M. E. preacher with his wife. The wife made the good confession and was immersed, as were four others of the seven who had been sprinkled. One came from the United Brethren, and one from the Seventh Day Baptists, a preacher, seventy-three years of age. Nine others were received from the world, who made the good confession and were immersed. This meeting continued for seventeen days, and we had to close in the midst of a great interest, owing to other pressing engagements. This church is to be known as the Adel Congregational, Sheridan county, Kansas.—P. M. Stewart."

Colby's five drays can't do her business without working late at night.

Our esteemed editor, who has been spending the holidays in Omaha, returned this evening, bringing with him a better half.

Agricultural implements of all kinds at Meglemrie's.

Get your drugs at Colby Drug Store.

Patent Medicines of all kinds at Colby Drug Store.

Coal! Coal! Coal! at J. E. Meglemrie's, on 5th street.

Do you want money on chattels? If so, call on Goodsoe.

When you go to Oberlin, go by Colby and Oberlin stage line.

George W. Goodsoe makes chattle loans at lowest current rates.

Standard Bakery has best bread and cakes.

Fine job work at reasonable rates at CAT office.

M. Donelan delivers goods to any part of the city free.

M. Donelan delivers goods to all parts of the city free.

Perfect abstracts of title at McGonigal and Son's.

Colby and Oberlin stage line is the best conveyance to Oberlin.

M. Donelan delivers goods to any part of the city without extra cost.

Have you noticed the fine display of Luster Line Dishes in M. Donelan's? Call in and price them.

FOR SALE.—A fine office desk for sale cheap. Inquire of E. Van Metre, attorney at law, over Cat office.

Money on chattel security promptly furnished by Van Metre & Dallam, over CAT Office.

Luster Line Chinaware at M. Donelan's.

Flour at 90 cents per sack at M Donelan's.

Real estate sold to eastern parties by R. L. Riddle.

Anyone wishing coal can have the same on leaving their order with J. E. Meglemrie.

Flour at 90 cents per sack at M Donelan's.

The Colby Drug Store, to close out Christmas goods, is selling them at cost.

Hardware stock to be closed out at J. E. Meglemrie's.

WANTED.—Persons who have good land with good titles, desiring to sell cheap, to give me numbers and full description with cash price. Must be bargains. Have you a patent?

HENRY C. SMITH, Falls City, Neb.

Call at J. E. Meglemrie's to examine the new shipment of Olds Wagons just added to his stock.

For the latest styles and novelties in millinery and dress trimmings, go to the Little Cash Store, on 4th street, one door east of Windsor hotel.

DON'T EXPERIMENT.

You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting, when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems, at first, only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist upon getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all throat, lung, and chest affections. Trial bottles free at C. H. artin & Bro's drug store.

NOTICE—FINAL PROOF.

Persons desiring to have their Final Proofs heard before me should see that their notices of intention to make proof read: Before the Probate Judge of Thomas county, at Colby, Kan.

M. L. LACEY, Probate Judge.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Thomas Co. Live Stock and Agricultural Association at the office of the county clerk on Saturday Dec. 31, at one o'clock, P. M. for the transaction of important business. All members are requested to be present. By order of President.

J. M. SUMMERS, Sec'y.

Gentlemen.

If you want anything in the CLOTHING line made to order, go to H. C. Shimp's who has elegant and late styles in piece goods, and will make up cheaper than anyone in the west, and will guarantee a fit or no sale.

Reasonable discount for cash. The State Bank of Colby, and W. H. Copeland, agents.

Lots and Blocks Sold at Reasonable Figures and on Easy Terms

GILMORE & LARSON'S ADDITION TO COLBY.